

LIQUOR INTERESTS ARE DISCOURAGED

Whiskey Ring Is Accused of Aiding Hunt in His Campaign

FIGHT AGAINST PROHIBITION

Is Managed by Members of the Hunt Campaign Committees in State

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, Sept. 1.—The liquor interests, now fighting to secure the adoption of an amendment to the State Constitution which would kill prohibition by enacting in its stead local option, are discouraged. There was a time prior to the handing down of the "personal use" decision by the Supreme Court, when it seemed probable that King Alcohol might succeed in "putting over" the law they wanted. But the right to import liquor for personal use has apparently pleased a sufficient number of liquor users to such an extent that they are not now interested in voting to bring back the saloon. As a consequence the best indications are that local option will fail.

But personal use has not been the only blow dealt the liquor interests. Strange to say their greatest trouble has been caused them by their best friends. They are now accused of playing partisan politics, and from the evidence which has been dug up it looks as if the charge is correct. A charge has been made, and they are accused of furnishing at least a part of the money to re-nominate Hunt for a fourth term. It will be recalled that some 10,000 names or more were secured for the local option initiative petition. Petition circulators in all parts of the State worked zealously to get signers. In doing this work, it now develops that the whiskey ring used to a great extent those individuals throughout the State who were managing Hunt's interests in his campaign; that there was a close alliance is now not denied.

If the facts disclosed by a search of the records are conclusive, it seems that the charge against the liquor men is well founded. Most of what has been ascertained came to light through a perusal of the initiative petitions on file at the Capitol. Many of the circulators of the wet petitions are now at the head of the Hunt campaign committees in the State.

The most flagrant case of all is that of L. Gutierrez De Lara, and pictures have been made of one of the several whiskey petitions he circulated. With it is a picture of the handbill announcing De Lara's meeting, which was held in the interests of the local option petition as well as Governor Hunt. De Lara evidently could see nothing wrong in working jointly for Hunt's reelection and against prohibition. But he was not the only man high up in the organization that the search of the past few days has shown was intimately and prominently connected with the whiskey ring's move for local option. Frank Brown, influential in Western Federation of Miners circles, managed the circulation of the local option petitions throughout Southern Arizona, and appointed most of the wet petition circulators. Of course, Brown was for Hunt. He was once named by Hunt to be, and served as superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Reform School, then at Benson, now at Fort Grant. It was evidently easy for Brown to make a Hunt and whiskey campaign, for his heart was set that both should win.

But there are others implicated in the situation besides Brown and De Lara, the same De Lara who was in the Clifton-Morenci district during the recent strike as chief agitator. McLean, a prominent Miami Hunt Club man, circulated whiskey petitions, and Rogers, of Jerome; Dietrick, of Mohave county, and Silvas, of Tucson; they are all shown up in the disclosures just brought to light in connection with the Hunt and whiskey ring scandal.

And evidently these troubles are not enough to heap on the heads of the whiskey group, for Mother Jones followed, and in all of her speeches made since

THE 1917 TAX RATE

Will Be \$1.50, Plus the Special Tax of School Districts

The tax rate for the year 1917, per \$100 valuation, for county and State purposes, will be as follows:

General expense fund	2.229
Salary fund	1.925
Road fund	.0832
General school fund	.4108
Fair fund	.0049
County bond redemption	.0547
County bond interest	.0646
Court house bond redemption	.0232
Court house bond interest	.0232

Total county rate \$1.10

Total State rate .40

Total State and county rate \$1.50

The following rate per \$100 valuation for school purposes, within school districts requiring a special tax, was levied:

High school tax, Dist. No. 1	.55
Bond redemption, " " 1	.04
Bond interest, " " 1	.21

Bond redemption, Dist. No. 4 .36 |

Bond interest, " " 4 .30 |

Manual training, " " 3 .09 |

Bond redemption, Dist. No. 5 .75 |

Bond interest, " " 5 .07 |

Manual training, " " 5 .06 |

Bond redemption, Dist. No. 6 .15 |

Bond interest, " " 6 .08 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 7 .10 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 9 .10 |

Bond redemption, Dist. No. 10 .11 |

Bond interest, " " 10 .14 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 12 .25 |

Bond redemption, Dist. No. 15 .15 |

Bond interest, " " 15 .05 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 20 .07 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 25 .07 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 28 .20 |

Bond interest, Dist. No. 41 .21 |

The above rates for school districts are added to the State and county rate for each district, for example: Safford's rate is \$1.50, plus 80 cents, equals \$2.30, which will be the rate for each \$100 valuation in school district No. 1 (Safford and Layton).

Olney Makes a Short Visit

Hon. George A. Olney, democratic candidate for the nomination of governor, was in town for a few hours Sunday, coming up from Globe on the morning train.

Mr. Olney was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Prina. After dinner, Mr. Olney called at THE GUARDIAN office for a short visit, and then left for Bowie, making the trip by auto, driven by his son, Dan.

Mr. Olney is looking fine. He has made a great campaign, and everywhere he goes he is greeted by friends who thoroughly believe that he is the "Man of the Hour" and his election is absolutely necessary for good government for the State.

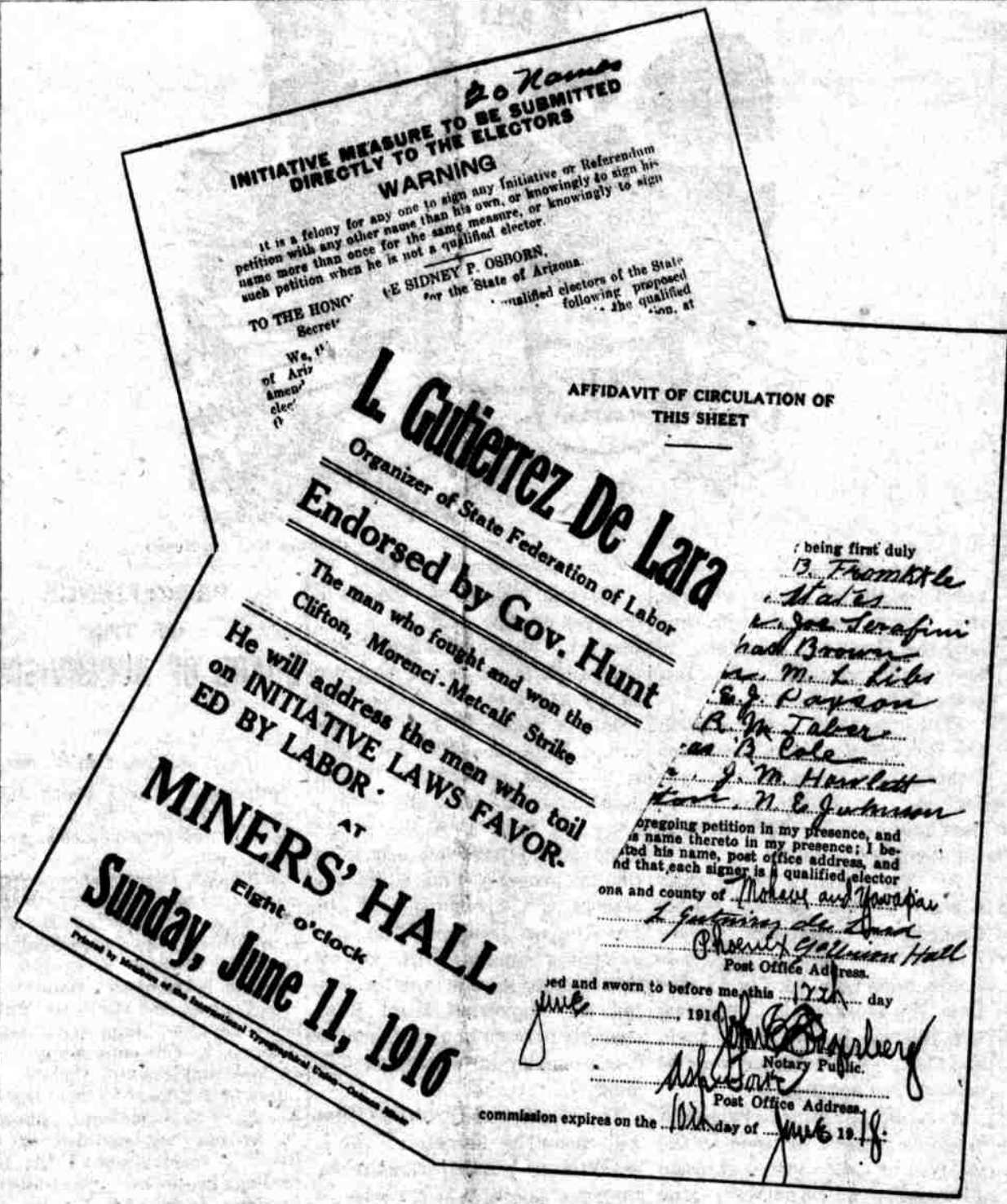
Mr. Olney will visit in Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz counties before returning to his home in Phoenix.

STRATTONS GO TO PHOENIX

Mr. and Mrs. Lee N. Stratton and children, and Mr. Stratton's mother, Mrs. Malverda Stratton, and his sister, Mrs. Nora Clark, left Wednesday for Phoenix, making the trip by auto and by way of Tucson. The mother will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Clark, at Phoenix.

Sergeant R. W. Smith returned to Naco yesterday. she came to Arizona, after she was through lauding Hunt and his administration, she wound up by talking against prohibition. Her remarks of condemnation of the Sunday School organizations and the W. C. T. U. have been heard for the "whiskey eyes" to explain. They do not deny that Mother Jones divided her time half for whiskey and half for Hunt.

The fact that all concerned in aiding the fight against prohibition are giving part of their time in the fight for Hunt has made it easy for the accusers of the whiskey trust to claim that the whiskey trust is backing Hunt's campaign, and it has killed their chances and makes them sad. It is a funny combination of affairs, and one causing many sides to make explanations.



The above picture shows one of the anti-prohibition petitions now on file at the Capitol building, Phoenix, which was circulated and sworn to by L. Gutierrez De Lara. On Sunday night, June 11th, De Lara held a Hunt meeting in Mojave County, and also spoke in favor of the anti-prohibition law. The following day he circulated the anti-prohibition petition, as the date beneath his signature indicated. The line on the handbill, "Endorsed by Governor Hunt," is one of several reasons justifying the charge that the liquor people were concerned in his candidacy. The acts of De Lara were duplicated, it is said, by other Hunt and whiskey workers.

Firemen's Dance a Grand Success

Saturday evening the Safford Volunteer Fire Department entertained the people of Graham county with a dance and social, in honor of the completion of the new county court house, and one of the most largely attended dances ever given in the county was the result. The new building was splendidly lighted and the guests were shown through the building; the boys having made a special effort to see that each and every one of the visitors had a chance to explore the beautiful and spacious court house of Graham county.

The building was taxed to its capacity when the dancing began, and while there was dancing on the three floors of the building, there were people enough to have occupied dancing space on three more floors.

Artistic little programs, tied with red ribbon and having a picture of the new court house in one corner and the picture of the new fire truck, of which the boys are so proud, in the other, were fitting souvenirs of the dance.

The Ladies' Auxiliary served ice cream and cake and Delaware punch during the dance, which were enjoyed by everyone.

Over one thousand people attended the dance and it was one of the largest and most enjoyable affairs ever held in Graham county.

Great credit is due the "fire boys" for their untiring efforts in making this dance such a success and everyone attending the dance were unanimous in declaring it a grand success.

A splendid sum was realized by the boys and this will help to defray the expenses incurred by them for the many necessities which are needed in an organization of this kind.

Ex-Gov. Kibbey Visits the Valley

Hon. Joseph H. Kibbey arrived here yesterday morning for a short visit to the valley.

Mr. Kibbey is a candidate for the nomination for United States Senator on the republican ticket. He was met here by leading republicans and given an auto trip down the valley, incidentally putting in some work for his candidacy.

Mr. Kibbey left here this morning for Duncan and Clifton.

Burial caskets carried in stock by Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware Store.

THE STORMY PETREL King Uptain's Untimely Death

A very sad accident occurred at the Fisher Lumber Company's saw mill, in the Graham mountains, Friday, when King Uptain was killed by the falling of a large tree.

Mr. Uptain was an experienced timber feller, and went to his work in the woods at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, buoyant and happy. The very first tree he cut down caused his death. It was on a very steep hillside and it seemed that Mr. Uptain was not careful in taking his position as he sawed, for as the tree began to sway, he attempted to get out of the way and caught his foot in some underbrush, which threw him backwards and the tree fell. It struck him across the head and shoulders, killing him instantly and mangle his body.

The entire camp was sorrowful and awe-stricken at the terrible accident. All work was suspended for three days and almost the entire force of the mill, which consisted of twenty or more men, carried the corpse for eight miles down the rugged mountain side. It was a wearying thing, as the men were used up for several days afterward.

Mr. Uptain's home was at Lebanon. His people met him at the foot of the mountain. It was a great shock to his wife, who is left with six small children.

John Goodman circulated a subscription paper for her, and found a willing and liberal response, as he succeeded in getting several hundred dollars.

It is desired that all members of the club meet at the Methodist church next Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, where all arrangements will be completed and the line of march formed.

Please report promptly. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Notice! Members of Woman's Club

As it is not possible for the full membership of all Safford organizations to take part in the dedication ceremonies of the Court House, owing to the fact that many members belong to two or more of the societies existing here, it was decided to have the Woman's Club appear, which will take in most of the members of all other organizations.

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Good Roads for Graham County

Buy Gila Valley Products.

WORKING FOR HUNT

A Convicted Bank Robber Is Soliciting Votes in Greenlee County

About fourteen months ago, two men, one of whom was named Hale, held up the Bank of Duncan, at Duncan, Arizona, in broad daylight. They locked the cashier in the vault, where he would have suffocated, if a friend had not happened in after the robbers left and set him free.

The robbers secured a large sum of money and led a gay life in New Mexico, where they were arrested several months later and brought back to Clifton and tried on the charge of holding up the Duncan Bank. They were convicted and sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary at Florence.

Several days ago, one of the convicts, Hale, appeared in Duncan with Sheriff Cash. Hale was dressed in the latest fashion and was looking fine, as if he was leading the easy life of a retired capitalist and enjoying all of the good things of the world.

Both men dined in the best restaurant in town, and after dinner strolled around town.

Convict Hale, as he passed the Bank of Duncan, thought he would call upon the cashier he had robbed at the point of a pistol and locked up in a vault. So, he walked into the bank and repeated the words he used when he held up the cashier.

"I have a little check here which I wish you would cash." The cashier looked up, but this time it was not into the muzzle of a six-shooter, but into the smiling countenance of the man who had robbed him a few months ago, a well-dressed, happy human whom he supposed was serving his ten year's sentence at the Florence penitentiary.

The cashier was somewhat surprised, but was undoubtedly glad his caller was evidently on friendly visit and not there for the purpose of another hold-up.

The citizens of Duncan, who recognized Convict Hale, were nonplussed at the man's appearance and wondered what he was doing in their town, when they supposed him to be in the penitentiary at Florence.

They soon learned, however, that the well-dressed convict was making a tour of Greenlee county, campaigning for Governor Hunt; looking up old acquaintances and soliciting their support for the man who was making his term of imprisonment for robbery and a near murder, a think of beauty and a joy forever.

If the people of this State want a real example of what the State government will be if Hunt is re-elected, here it is. A convict, sentenced for a robbery which might have also led to murder, is free today, roaming the State, and for what? Soliciting votes for Hunt.

Plans Submitted for New Depot

The plans for the proposed new passenger depot have been prepared and blue prints made and sent to the Arizona Eastern Railroad, by E. F. Glick, architect, Tucson.

The plans call for a handsome structure, 83 feet long by 27 feet wide. There will be a portico, waiting room, ticket office, agent's private office, fire-proof vault and baggage room. The building will have a heating plant and toilets for men and women.

The building will be constructed of either El Paso brick or concrete, with tile roof, and will be the handsomest and most conveniently planned depot in the State.

The plans for the freight building will be accomplished later. This building will be separate from the passenger depot, but the location has not yet been chosen.

Supt. J. W. Williams deserves great credit for his perseverance in getting a new depot for the county seat of Graham county, and he is to be congratulated for the excellent floor plan, which he originated, and which has been incorporated in the plans.

The people of Safford extend to Mr. Williams their hearty thanks for the interest he has shown in securing a new depot for the town and wish him the best of luck in carrying out the plans of this handsome and most needed railroad building.

Good Roads for Graham County

BIG DEDICATION PARADE ARRANGED

Many Organizations Will Be in Line Next Monday (Labor Day)

CEREMONIES AT COURT HOUSE

Parade Starts at 3:00 P. M., Monday Afternoon, Corner Tenth and M Streets

The committee having in charge the dedication ceremonies of the new county court house has completed arrangements for the program of services at the court house and reports that the Chamber of Commerce has taken full charge of the decoration of the building.

The Board of Supervisors, Gila Academy, Safford High School, Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Club, Woman's Relief Society of Dayton and the Safford Volunteer Fire Department will participate in the parade.

It is expected that the common councils of Pima and Thatcher will march in the parade with the common council of Safford. All organizations will assemble at 2:00 p. m., forming east on Tenth street, and north and south on M street.

The Thatcher band will head the parade, which will form on Tenth and M streets, the final assignment of order of parade will be made Monday morning, when all organizations that are to participate will have reported. The parade will start at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

It is expected that all business houses in Safford will decorate the front of their buildings in honor of the dedication ceremonies.

Citizens who will participate in the parade, driving their autos and carriages, are requested to decorate their vehicles.

The parade will start at the corner of Tenth and M streets and march down Tenth street to the court house, where it will be dismissed.

The dedication ceremonies will take place at the court house at 4:00 p. m., and will be as follows:

Music..... Thatcher Band
Prayer..... Rev. E. A. Gottberg
Music..... Thatcher Band
Dedication Ceremonies.....
County Engineer R. J. Young
Contractor Collin Eagan
History of Graham County.....
President Andrew Kimball
Music..... Thatcher Band
Benediction..... Bishop P. C. Merrill

In the evening a grand ball will be given by Company B at the Safford Armory.

Men Will Win Eight Hour Day

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The belief is current here that the railroad strike will be averted.

Congress will probably pass a law today or tomorrow providing for an eight-hour day at the present ten-hour day rate of pay and pro rata overtime, with a small appointive commission to investigate the workings of the law and to make a report. It will probably become effective December 1, 1916. Passage is expected before midnight tomorrow.

President Wilson will leave for Shadow Lawn, West End, Long Branch, N. J., tomorrow morning. In the afternoon he will be formally notified by the Democratic National Committee of his renomination for president. A messenger will take the bill to him for his signature, when it is passed.

George Gamble a Valley Visitor

George Gamble, for many years a resident of Graham county, and former county treasurer, came over from Duncan Tuesday, accompanied by G. W. Massey, to spend a few days in town and valley, greeting old friends, and incidentally putting in some good looks for George Olney.

Mr. Gamble owns a very large ranch near Duncan and is a prosperous farmer. He reports his family enjoying good health and that he, himself, is feeling younger every day.

Mr. Gamble says Greenlee county will give Mr. Olney a rousing big majority.